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FOR CYPRUS

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1. PRIMIN ECEVIT CLARIFIED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ADVOCACY OF
"FEDERATION" FOR CYPRUS IN A PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH
FEBRUARY 5 REPLYING TO OPPOSITION CRITICISMS OF HIS POLICY
PROGRAM (AND TACITLY REPLYING TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' CRITICISM).
WHILE OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED IN HIS SPEECH ARE BEING REPORTED
SEPARATELY, THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TRANSLATED TEXT OF
ECEVIT'S REMARKS ON FEDERATION:

BEGIN QUOTE: THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE SLIGHTEST
QUALM ABOUT OUR ADVOCACY IN THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OF
FEDERATION IN CYPRUS. THE PRINCIPLE FOR US IS THE
INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS. WE WANT NEITHER THE PARTITIONING
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NOR THE ANNEXATION TO ANOTHER COUNTRY OF CYPRUS. THE

INDEPENDENT STATE STATUS SHOULD CONTINUE IN CYPRUS. THE RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTINUING SO FAR WILL CERTAINLY GO ON WITHIN THE INDEPENDENT STATE STATUS. IN SAYING 'FEDERATION' WE NEVER THINK OF DIVIDING UP CYPRUS STATE BY STATE. THE OTTOMAN SYSTEM OF SETTLEMENT AND STATE CAN PROVIDE MUCH INSPIRATION IN THIS RESPECT. THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES OF A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-GOVERNMENT EVEN IN THE PLACES WHERE EACH COMMUNITY IS SCATTERED. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE A FEDERATION WHICH WOULD SPLIT CYPRUS. WE WANT A FEDERATION WHICH WILL ENSURE RECONCILIATION AND A JUST AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION BY THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. FROM THIS ANGLE THE FEARS FELT BY BOTH KORKMAZCAN (THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPOKESMAN) AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE GROUNDLESS. LET NO ONE BE AFRAID. AS THE GOVERNMENT WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS CAN BE FOUND IN A FEDERATION SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CYPRUS, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF TWO COMMUNITIES, SOME OF THE ELEMENTS NEEDED FOR A FEDERATIVE STATE STRUCTURE ALREADY EXIST. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE PROBABLY FEELING EXCESSIVE, UNFOUNDED FEAR BECAUSE THEY ATTRIBUTE TO US THOUGHTS WHICH GO MUCH FURTHER THAN THOSE IN OUR HEADS. FOR THIS REASON, WE WILL EXAMINE TO WHAT EXTENT THE LIQUIDATION OF THE 1960 STATUS WILL BRING GREATER SAFEGUARDS FROM THE VIEW-POINT OF THE SECURITY OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS. IN SO DOING, WE WILL TRY TO FURTHER IN THE BEST WAY THE PRESENT SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED AT THE TALKS AND WE WILL DEEM THIS A DUTY. END QUOTE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER TURAN GUNES, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MILLIYET PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 6 (ALSO COVERED BY SEPTELS), IN EFFECT SHOWED THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN BY SAYING THAT THE REACTIONS IN GREECE AND CYPRUS TO THE DEATH OF GRIVAS GAVE TURKEY CONCERN THAT THE ENOS S IDEA HAD NOT YET DIED AMONG THE GREEKS. CONTINUED PRO-ENOSIS SENTIMENT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP A PEACEFUL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, HE SAID.

3. COMMENTS ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED FEBRUARY 7.

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